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Governor's May Revise Budget Points Us Away from the Post-Partisan Budget We Can Still Have

Last year, we had the most successful California legislative session in recent memory. Why? The governor and legislators brought our differing visions for California's future to the table, and we looked to how to meet each other part-way in working through our differences.

We used this attitude to craft the greenhouse gases bill and the successful infrastructure bond package. We also had the first on-time budget in years, a budget which cut the deficit from the prior year and paid off mandate and transportation debt.

It also restored the education funding level, held back proposed university student fee increases and rolled back community college fees, used part of excess gas tax revenues for public transit, made a cost-of-living adjustment to Californians on social security, and provided \$250 million for deferred state park maintenance.

The governor's May Revise budget had the chance to continue that spirit, but is more a partisan opening gambit.

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John speaking with reporters Monday in Sacramento following Governor Schwarzenegger's release of the May Revise Budget: "This budget is a conscious choice. In January I said the choice was between Wall Street and children, and the May Revise amends that so the choice now is between Wall Street and California's children and seniors and people with disabilities."

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